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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SG

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF SECRETARY TO DAKAR

REF: STATE 223019

1. THIS CONSTITUTES INTERIM REPLY TO REFTEL FOLLOWING TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR SANE AT HAMMAMET, TUNISIA, WHERE PRESIDENT SENGHOR IS VACATIONING (NOT IN TUNIS).
2. AMBASSADOR STATES SENGHOR NOT REACHABLE BY PHONE THIS EVENING, BUT HE WILL TRANSMIT MESSAGE RE SECRETARY'S PROPOSED TAVEL TO PRESIDENT WITHIN NEXT HOUR. WILL CONTACT ME TONIGHT OR EARLY TO MORROW WITH DEFINITIVE SENGHOR RESPONSE.
3. SANE TELLS ME THAT PRESIDENT PLANS DEPART TUNIS SEPTEMBER 13 FOR RABAT WHERE HE WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT AS GUEST OF KING. CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR DEPARTURE FROM RABAT SEPTEMBER 14 WITH ARRIVAL DAKAR LATE AFTERNOON. AMBASSADOR ALSO STATES SENGHOR WILL BE PRESENT IN DAKAR FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS AFTER SEPTEMBER 14 BEFORE NEXT TRIP ABROAD.
4. COMMENT: UNLESS SECRETARY'S PLANS CAN BE DELAYED 24 HOURS SUGGEST STOPOVER AT RABAT MIGHT PROVIDE BEST CHANCE SEE SENGHOR. ALTERNATIVELY, BY ADVANCING DEPARTURE 24 HOURS SECRETARY COULD MEET WITH SENGHOR (AND BOURGUIBA) HERE IN TUNIS.

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